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We have just received a shipment of new and up-to-date

Imported Chinaware

consisting mostly of odd pieces, selected patterns, from the leading makers, and will prove better value than the kind you have been paying more money for. See our line before buying.

ROSS, HIGGINS & Co.

RELIABLE GROCERS.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Is Promoted.—Lieutenant Johnson of the revenue cutter Perry accompanied by his wife and two sons, left last evening for Milwaukee, Wis., where he will act as captain of a government tug.

Nearing Completion.—The new cannery of the Columbia River Packers' Association at Eureka is steadily approaching completion. Contractor Fastabend has the walls up, the floors laid, the roof practically on, and machinery is being moved in along with all the appurtenances of the business, so that a reasonably early start will be made in the season now on.

Hotel Irving.—European plan. The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

Two of a Kind.—J. H. Massey, who was arrested in the city on Friday last for stealing the cocker spaniel dog of Martin Franetovich, was found guilty in Justice Goodman's court yesterday afternoon, and fined in the sum of \$50, which he paid from the forty-five dollars found on his person when he was arrested. The woman, Miss or rather Mrs. Hornish, whom it was alleged he had robbed in Portland on Wednesday of over \$200 arrived here yesterday on the noon train from the metropolis, and went immediately to the office of Sheriff Linville, and tried to see Massey, but was told she might see him in the court a few hours later. It developed in her conversation with the big sheriff that she was seeking a divorce from her husband with the avowed intention of marrying Massey; that she had been living with the latter for some time, and that he had not stolen anything from her; that she gave him the money to spend, etc., etc., and the probabilities are that it is all true for she never left the young man from the moment he was freed until they left for Portland on the Larline last night. Massey admitted on the stand that the money he had on his person belonged to the woman, and Judge Goodman promptly turned over the balance of \$15.00, which remained after he had paid his fine. And as the couple left the court room, Officer Thompson of the city police force gave Massey until sundown to leave the city, which advice he took as heretofore indicated.

For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop. Five chairs. No long waits.

DO IT NOW PLANT SEEDS THAT WILL GROW

We have a large stock of
Flower and Vegetable Seed
Also Clover and Grass Seed

Ground Bone Fertilizer

JOHNSON BROS.

GOOD GOODS.

118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

TO SHIP TO ORIENT

Columbia River Salmon Preferred
By Orientals.

BOYCOTT IS FAST SUBSIDING

F. Hamilton Sawyer, President of the Eastern Importing Company of Hong Kong Talks Interestingly of Trade Conditions.

F. Hamilton Sawyer, president and manager of the Eastern Importing Company of Hong Kong one of the largest commercial concerns operating in the orient, was in Astoria all day yesterday in conference with S. Elmore & Company, with which firm he has just concluded negotiations by which the Eastern Importing Company will act as the representative and agent of the local company in finding a market for Columbia river salmon in the different oriental countries.

The Eastern Importing Company handles American products for American firms, and does an immense business throughout China, Manchuria, and the Straits Settlements.

Will Return to Hongkong.

Mr. Sawyer, who is simply in the United States in relation to his firm's interest, expects to return shortly to Hong Kong, having about completed what business he had in this country. When seen last night at the Occident he stated that he had completed final negotiations with S. Elmore & Company and that his firm would hereafter begin to handle the Columbia river salmon, for which product he said there is a constant and increasing demand in all parts of the Orient.

"The English of course," said he, "do a large business in Hong Kong and other Chinese ports, and also in Japan, handling the Sockeyes for the most part. The market is good and is worked for all it is worth by the English firms who have been aided in a great measure by the English-Japanese treaty.

"Yet with all these advantages over American competing firms they cannot undersell them in the salmon line, and besides the fact that the English and American prices are equal, Americans have an important advantage over their English cousins, because the product from the Columbia river is immensely superior in quality and flavor."

Trade Should Increase.

In speaking of trade conditions in general in the orient, Mr. Sawyer said that there was no reason why it could not be increased greatly, and with especial reference to Astoria he was of the opinion that this port would reap much of the benefit of any increased trade.

"The boycott," said Mr. Sawyer, "is fast subsiding and I believe that it is but a matter of a short time when American goods will be favored by the Chinese over all other foreign competitors.

"Owing to the educational movement in China, however it is almost impossible to predict whether there will be a recrudescence of the anti-foreign feeling, but I am positive that if the American consuls in China carry out their instructions given by the government, and with fair treatment by American commercial interests, that China will turn to America as her friend, and an enormous trade will be built up."

Treat Chinese Fairly.

Continuing, Mr. Sawyer expressed the conviction that the men representing American commercial interests should be of spotless integrity. "Although the Chinese are double dealing themselves," said he, "they appreciate fair and honest treatment, and when given such, there is where they extend their favors."

Mr. Sawyer left last night for Portland, but will return to Astoria in a few days, to complete the remainder of his arrangements with S. Elmore & Company, and then will leave for the orient, returning via New York, and England.

Fishing Season Opens.—Today the fishing season opens on the Columbia river and yesterday all was bustle and preparation in fishing circles for the commencement.

Erects Sign.—Landlord Olsen of the Hotel Irving, has erected a huge sign on the North roof of the building informing people of the location of this popular hostelry.

Don't Forget to look up the business card of F. W. Gardiner, the expert book-keeper, in this issue. It may have something of interest for you.

CLOTHES

Bought at Herman Wise's Fine Store Pressed
Free of Charge Whenever You Say So.

HOW

IS THIS FOR A

SLOGAN?

"ASTORIA OREGON"

The Gateway to

God's Country

Herman Wise

Astoria's Reliable Clothier

National Social.—In the near future the local lodge of Elks will give a National social and a committee consisting of J. C. Swope, Joseph Gribler, A. J. Cooper, W. F. Gratke, Otto Mikkelsen, F. C. Fox, J. G. McCue, H. L. Knight, Frank Woodfield, M. Barger, C. V. Brown, Frank Vaughn, E. H. Streunmeyer, and D. B. Sculley, has been named to complete arrangements for the affair.

Egg-nog will be served at the Office today.

EASTER SEASON.

A window which shows a truly artistic and original taste, is to be seen at P. A. Stokes, E. H. Stokes is one of the most up to date window trimmers on the coast, and his work is getting up original and attractive displays is noteworthy. The window is one that should be seen by every Astorian.

BEAUTIFUL WINDOW.

There are many beautiful show windows in Astoria to commemorate the Easter season, but one of the most attractive is that of the Fair Millinery store under the direction of Mrs. Peterson. The window is decorated in beautiful flowers and white is the color scheme. Mrs. Peterson is an experienced milliner and handles only the highest class of goods. It will pay you to call and inspect her line of hats.

McKANLAS MINSTRELS.

Everybody enjoys a good old-fashioned minstrel show—and especially when it is the "real thing"—such as the McKanlas merry makers presented at the Watson theatre last evening. Real, because every member of the company is a genuine southern darkey and eliminated all the "burnt cork" aspect. The first or minstrel part of the program consisted of any number of good songs, each and every one of which was well rendered because the McKanlas company is particularly strong from a vocal standpoint.

The inevitable joke which is a necessary feature in a minstrel performance was all there and more enjoyable because they were all new.

The olio or second part is made up entirely of high class specialty fea-

tures, chief of which is the singing of Mme. Perry, who has a voice every bit as good as the more-famous "Black Patti," and the really excellent violin playing of McKanlas.

The performance closed with a little comedy called "Uncle Eph's Return," in which was introduced a genuine Southern cakewalk by a number of experts.

This minstrel performance is away above the average, and deserves good patronage. There will be a Saturday matinee and the last performance on Saturday night.

FROM HONG KONG.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—General S. B. Bragg who has been consul general of the United States at Hong Kong for the past three years arrived here yesterday on the liner Mongolia, accompanied by his wife.

CHANGES HANDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—As a result, it is said, of difficulties among the directors and attachments filed by the Hammond Lumber Company of San Francisco a deal was closed yesterday by which the Bay Shore Lumber Company and its auxiliary, the Bay Shore Lumber and Mill Company passed into the hands of James Tyson, a capitalist of Alameda.

The attachments specified aggregated \$100,000.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

The Municipal League will hold its convention on April 23rd., in the Fishermen's hall at 7:30 p. m. 4-10 13t

LADIES!

Your Easter hat will look better and will cost you less if bought of the Bon-Ton Millinery, 483 Bond street which will open up in three or four days. It will pay you to wait for the opening which will be announced in these columns. Mrs. A. J. Jaloff, milliner.

LADIES!

You are cordially invited to inspect the line of hats at the Bon Ton Millinery Parlors on Saturday, April 14th at 483 Bond Corner of Eleventh streets. Mrs. A. Jaloff, he well known milliner is in charge of the place, and will be glad to see you call.

CARNATIONS! CARNATIONS!

Enchantress, Mrs. Thos. Lawson, Boston Market. Good strong rooted cuttings that will bloom this summer. Columbia Nursery. 516 Bond St. 4-123

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

GENTLEMEN, ATTENTION!

Astoria should have a seawall, and as it cannot be bought in Portland or Chicago it evidently must be built here. Now, if the gentlemen of this city would commence to have their clothes "built" in Astoria and become reconciled to having things made at home, they would have no difficulty in building the seawall. E. Martinson, merchant tailor, 149 Eleventh street, will build your clothes from the best that's made to the cheapest that's good. 1w.

THE OLD GOVERNMENT.

The perfection of whisky used in the medical department of the United States military and naval service. Also in hospitals. Recommended by the highest authorities as the purest stimulant for family use. Sold exclusively by Wm. Bock.

THE NIMBLE COIN.

The nimble coin of the country never does so good a thing as when it supplies a man with a well-cooked and healthful meal of the sort he is hungry for. In this instance it becomes a blessing, and no pocketbook is the poorer for the expenditure; this is why everyone you see coming out of the Palace Restaurant carries such a grateful and satisfied expression of countenance. Just watch for a day or so, and the first thing you know you'll be a steady customer there. It is one of the certainties of Astoria life.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other repairs. If so, take it to Andrew As Company. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repair work.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattresses making a specialty and all work guaranteed.